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Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

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Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

Common name Santa Barbara County Sheriff

Abbreviation SBSO

Patch of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

Flag of Santa Barbara County, California

Motto *"Keeping the Peace Since 1850"*

Agency overview

Formed 1850 [\[1\]](#)

Employees 640 (2012) [\[2\]](#)

Annual budget US\$112,730,087 (2012) [\[2\]](#)

Legal personality Governmental: [Government agency](#)

Jurisdictional structure

Operations jurisdiction * County of Santa Barbara in the state of California , United States of America

Map of Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office's jurisdiction.

Size	2,745 sq mi (7,110 km ²) [2]
Legal jurisdiction	Santa Barbara County , California
General nature	Law enforcement Civilian agency

Operational structure

Headquarters	Goleta, California
Agency executive	Bill Brown, Sheriff
Regions	5 Cuyama Goleta Isla Vista Santa Maria Santa Ynez

Facilities

Stations	7 Buellton Goleta Isla Vista Lompoc New Cuyama Santa Maria Santa Ynez
Helicopters	4

Website

www.sbsheriff.org

Footnotes

* **Divisional agency:** Division of the country, over which the agency has usual operational jurisdiction.

Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office (SBSO) provides law enforcement for the [unincorporated areas](#) of [Santa Barbara County , California](#) , as well as several cities within the county. The [cities](#) that the

Sheriff's Office provides police services for include [Buellton](#) , [Carpinteria](#) , [Goleta](#) and [Solvang](#) .^[4] In total the 640 full-time employees of the Sheriff's Office are responsible for 2,745 square miles (7,110 km²) of the county.^[5]

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History [edit]

Founded in 1850, the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office is the oldest law enforcement agency in the state.^[1] In its early days, the department battled outlaws [Salomon Pico](#) and [Jack Powers](#) . Initially having a single Sheriff, aided only by a jailer and guard in charge of the chain gang, the department now has over 600 full-time employees.

Organization [edit]

North County Operations Division [edit]

The North County Operations Division starts at the [Gaviota Tunnel](#) and extends north to the [San Luis Obispo County](#) line as well as east to the [Kern County](#) and [Ventura County](#) lines. The division has patrol stations in [Buellton](#) , [Lompoc](#) , [New Cuyama](#) , [Santa Maria](#) and [Solvang](#) .^[6]

South County Operations Division [edit]

The South County Operations Division boundaries extend south from [Gaviota Tunnel](#) to the [Ventura County](#) line and west, from the crest of the [Santa Ynez Mountains](#) to three islands in the [Santa Barbara Channel](#) with patrol stations in [Carpinteria](#), [Goleta](#) and [Isla Vista](#).^[6]

Rank structure [edit]

Title	Insignia
Sheriff	
Undersheriff	
Chief Deputy	
Commander	
Lieutenant	
Sergeant	
Senior Deputy	
Deputy	

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